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Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

1. At its 2nd meeting, held on 22 June 2015, the Meeting discussed item 5 entitled "Follow-up to the Political Declaration ad Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016". For its consideration of the item, the meeting had available to it the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, as well as the Joint Ministerial Statement adopted at the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action. The Secretariat introduced the item. H.E. Ambassador Khaled Shamaa, Chair of the Board tasked by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs with the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, to be held in 2016, addressed the meeting via video-message.

2. Participants mentioned a number of issues to be dealt with in the context of UNGASS preparations including: the need for a scientific evidence-based approach; the strengthening of the principle of common and shared responsibility, involving countries of production, transit and consumption; the respect for the international

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drug control conventions; as well as the respect for human rights. The importance of a multidisciplinary drug policy, which included prevention, treatment and rehabilitation efforts in balance with supply reduction measures was also highlighted.

3. Several delegations stressed the importance of effective international and regional cooperation, and made reference to specific projects such as the Paris Pact initiative.

4. The need to further enhance efforts in addressing organized criminal groups involved in drug trafficking was emphasized, in particular the need to concentrate on depriving them of their financial resources, through asset tracing and confiscation. Reference was thereby made to new legislative action taken by several countries, including non-conviction based asset recovery and sharing of confiscated assets among concerned states.

5. Pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 56/10, the Chair proposed to follow what was done at the 10th HONLEA meeting and to complement the recommendations stemming from the working groups with some preambular paragraphs, placing these recommendations in the context of ongoing UNGASS preparations led by the Commission.